MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The officers who cannot send in replies to these questions. The rules provide that we have to give at least 12 days' notice in respect of questions. That rule is strictly enforced as against us, and any question which is received at the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council after that time is disallowed. Therefore I believe, in justice, the Heads of Departments must also be directed to send in their replies at the proper time. If the officers cannot send up replies relating to matters affecting their departments, I should think it is high time for Government to consider whether some change in the personnel of the various officers concerned is not called for.

PRESIDENT: I must tell you, Mr. Thanu Pillai, yours is a very one-sided way of looking at things, because, when a question is sent, answers have to be compiled by reference to various officers. As I told you, as many questions as are possible, the Secretary will put in.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

Demand III—Police.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 6,28,097 under Demand III—Police.

Motion 136.

The following motion was not moved:—

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI:

135. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,912 for temporary establishment in the Police Commissioner's office.

Motion 137.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I beg to move the following motion:—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowances by Rs. 1,000.

Sir, I do not think it is necessary to advance fresh arguments for a reduction in the T. A. of the Police Commissioner. All the arguments advanced by my friends in regard to the reduction of the T. A. of the Chief Engineer hold good with greater force in the case of the Commissioner of Police. It may be said in the case of the Chief Engineer that he was not responsible for the faults pointed out here because he is new to his office. But that cannot be said of the Commissioner of Police. We find that the argument that he is a covenanted officer may not also apply, because, as a matter of fact, the term of the Commissioner of Police under the original covenant has expired and the period of service has been extended. I do not know whether it is under the terms of the original covenant or not. So that members on this side of the House need not at all be afraid to reduce the allotment under travelling allowance of the Commissioner of Police. There is absolutely no justification in cutting out the T. A. of the Chief Engineer if we do not cut out this 1,000 rupees in the T. A. of the Commissioner. If we look at the Administration Report of the

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Police Department for the year 1105 and the remarks made by the Government on certain items, I think, members on this side will be convinced that the percentage of stolen property recovered was only 33 against 52 in 1104; and Government have said, this was regrettable. In the matter of the attendance of District Superintendents in connection with the sessions cases Government have said as follows:

> "105 sessions were held, against 139 in the previous year and the District Superintendents of Police attended 44 sessions, against 48, and the Sub-Divisional Officers, 63 against 73 in 1104. 85·8 per cent. of the processes only sent to Police were returned served, against 86 in 1104, 87·6 in 1103 and 95·2 in 1102. This is not satisfactory."

I want also to point out to members on this side of the House the work for which this T. A. is generally utilised by the Commissioner. That is very germane to the consideration of this point. The G. O. says that—

"The preventive work in connection with the Congress Propaganda and the Civil Disobedience Movement"—I do not know whether there is a Civil Disobedience movement in Travancore. It is news to me to read that here—"the Suchindram Satyagraha and Temperance Movements also taxed the energies of the Force."

Apart from these, the energy of the Commissioner is spent mostly on traffic work. We all know what discontent there is with regard to the behaviour of the subordinate staff of the Traffic Department. All of us know what an imperfect record it will be if a close scrutiny into the matter by a non-official committee is made. That could be easily demonstrated, if Government only will allow that. Further, if the travelling allowance of the Chief Engineer could be cut down, I do not see why the T. A. of the Commissioner who has got such a record as I have briefly pointed out within the short time at my disposal could not be cut down.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know from the member whether he has no complaints against the regular Police force also?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I have got heaps of complaints against them, but cannot refer to them during the short time at my disposal and I do not think that much by way of argument is necessary to convince them that any man is bound to have complaints against them.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): The member has plenty of time. I wish he would refer to them.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Shall I refer to them?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I will be very glad.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): But I think I will not refer to them at the member's dictation, Sir. I will refer to them only if it is necessary for purposes of my argument. I am not going to refer to them at his dictation.

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PRESIDENT: Not necessarily at the dictation of Mr. Bishop, but you may refer to them if you have got sufficient time and if you think that they are necessary for the purpose of your speech.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): The time allotted is not sufficient for referring to them, Sir.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I merely reminded the member that there was plenty of time left at his disposal to refer to these complaints and that I would like to know what they are.

MR. K. KUJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): The Commissioner, need not think that he can drag me round for statements that I may make and prosecute me in a court of law as it was possible for a subordinate of his in the case of a member of this House. Unfortunately this House has no freedom of speech. Otherwise we could have referred to heaps of instances. Everybody knows in general that the Police Department is wreathing with corruption and wreathing with inefficiency due to the lack of direction of the Commissioner. It is known to all members on this side of the House and no particular item need be pointed out. They know it, although I am precluded from pointing them out owing to the defects in the rules for, if I refer to them I will have to stand the risk of prosecution as Government sanctioned prosecution in a previous case. I do not think the Commissioner will think me to be so gullible as to walk into his parlour.

Sir, I think there is absolutely no necessity for me to stress the point further. I appeal to the members on this side of the House to think the matter twice over when the motion is put to the vote. I hope all the non-officials will stand *en bloc* in favour of this cut. There is absolutely no justification, otherwise, for their cutting down the T. A. of such an efficient officer as the Chief Engineer.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Sir, I support the motion. Before advancing any arguments in support of the motion I shall read out to this House some portion of the Administration Report of the Police Department. At page 10 of the Report, the Police Commissioner says that:

> "Even letters of thanks for good work are rare. I am not cavilling at the meanness of complaints or asking for monetary reward, however welcome; I wish merely to emphasise how easy it is to render thanks which give the recipient encouragement to do better work."

After what passed between my friend Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai and the Commissioner of Police, I am unwilling to commit a breach of the provisions of the regulations made by the Commissioner at page 10 of his report. I have therefore to thank the Commissioner for all the arduous endeavours he has made for giving complete satisfaction to the people of Travancore. It would appear that he has been able with his ardent, zealous work on the traffic side to paralyse the whole of Travancore from Cape Comorin in the South to Arur in the north by precipitating what is known as the motor strike. The Chief Secretary recognises that he has been doing, his department has been doing

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substantial work in *preventing* Congress propaganda work and in *preventing* temperance movements, which movements every Travancorean cherishes warmly in his heart.

PRESIDENT : Are you reading out properly ? You said probably the Commissioner of Police prevents temperance work.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I was reading out correctly from the G. O. on the administration of the Police Department for 1105. It is as follows ;—

> "All officers of the Police Department were considerably occupied with the Viceregal Visit, and the arrangements connected therewith. The preventive work in connection with the Congress Propaganda and the Civil Disobedience Movement, the Suchindram Satyagraha and Temperance Movement also taxed the energies of the Force."

Sir, this preventive work in connection with the temperance movement and in connection with the Congress Propaganda is a work that is applauded by the Chief Secretary to Government but not very much applauded by the people of Travancore. (Mr K. Kunjukrishna Pillai : *Hear, hear.*) Every progressive country in the world encourages temperance,and free thinking, free action in regard to social and constitutional upliftment. But the Commissioner of Police in Travancore says that he is preventing it.

PRESIDENT : Preventive work does not mean preventing that movement. That seems to be your interpretation.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I am referring to the wording of the Chief Secretary. It may be that my interpretation is wrong.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I never said that I would prevent this movement.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I do not know, Sir, what it means. From a reading of the report of the Commissioner of Police, the Chief Secretary said it should be prevented. The Police Commissioner is responsible for the work of the Police force and I believe he, being the head of the department, is the person who guides, controls and directs it. From actual state of affairs we see that he would control it.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I never made that statement that I was responsible for preventing this movement.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I believe that the Police Commissioner is responsible for the work of the force. And I shall leave the point there and proceed to draw the attention of the House to the report contained at page 33 of the Administration Report. We had 365 days in the year 1105. We have over 70 charging stations in Travancore and over 90 sub-stations. And the Commissioner of Police says that during all these days he inspected 13 stations and one out-post and visited 1 station. Travelling allowance is granted to the Commissioner of Police for the purpose of supervising field work and station work. This is the work that he has done and he consoles himself with the statement that he has issued a circular to his subordinates to carry on properly

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the work of supervision. Sir, this sort of administration by the Commissioner of Police is certainly not consistent with the progressive ideas which the Travancoreans demand ; and the Commissioner of Police seems to have spent about Rs. 2,700 for T. A. in 1105. Thisis in addition to the State car, that is furnished to him, in addition to the provision made, of the upkeep of the car and in addition to the pay allotted to his driver. He has been able to inspect 13 stations, one out-post and visit 1 station. Sir, it is reported that he has been outside, travelling for 115 days. Was he not able to visit at least one more station ? I cannot understand why the Commissioner should consume Rs. 2, 700 and allow all the inspection work to be done by the District Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police. It would appear that if the new proposal made by him for the reorganisation scheme which is in the hands of Government is sanctioned, the Personal Assistant would be drafted on to the Traffic Department ; and the traffic section of the Polic Department would be handed over to a separate department. The Commissioner of Police says that Section 139 of the Criminal Procedure Code has to be enforced strictly and with greater liberality so far as the Police Department is concerned. He has said that the price of foodstuffs has gone down and consequently crimes are on the decrease. He says that murders are on the increase and that a "Knives Ordinance" may be promulgated here also as in Ceylon to bring down the number of the murders.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I have not said that it *must be* promulgated.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagavalli*) : The Commissioner has recommended that such an ordinance would be quite proper and that the only remedy to bring down the number of murders is by the prevention of a free use of knives. He also says that the lawbreakers and thieves in Travancore have developed a propensity for stealing unidentifiable articles such as currency notes and money and he says that it has become impossible for the Travancore Police to hunt after these men and to idenitify the articles when they have been recovered. Even with the abolition of the post of the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police, the creation of a separate department for traffic and other devolution of powers, the Commissioner of Police has recommended the free use of Section 139 of the Criminal Procdure Code because of the helplessness on the part of the Police in recovering stolen properties due to the thieves stealing currency notes and rupees. My impression is that the Commissioner of Police has very little to do so far as field work is concerned and hereafter he will claim the privilege of being in Trivandrum so that he may devote his attention to the correspondence work which was till now being carried on by the Personal Assistant.

One additional reason which I have to urge in support of this motion is that in 1104 only a sum of Rs. 2,000 was allotted in the Budget

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for the T. A. of the Commissioner of Police. It does not appear why in these days of acute economic depression, the amount allotted for the T. A. of the Commissioner of Police should be increased to Rs. 2,500. With these words, I beg to support the motion brought forward by Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.

Sir, from all that I have stated it does not appear to me why the Commissioner of Police should be allowed Rs. 2,500 as Travelling Allowance. I therefore very emphatically support the motion moved by Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : Sir, Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai began, it appeared to me, rather a wild speech directed against my subordinates and myself. There is nothing of very much value in his speech as regards definite points.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I request the member to keep his opinion of my speech to himself?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, I think I am entitled to give my impression of his speech. He said that it is a disgraceful affair that the percentage of service of processes has decreased. I would request the members to refer to page 24 para 19 of the Administration Report for the Department and see whether the state of affairs as presented by Mr. Krishna Pillai is true or not. The decrease was only ·2% and I think it is of very great weight.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): So, you contradict the opinion of your own Government?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : But Government have said that it is not very satisfactory on the whole.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : Then Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai said that attendance at sessions by the District Superintendents of Police is on the decline. There was regrettable decline and it was due to unavoidable circumstances. It was due to the abnormal extraneous duties of the Police and also duties in connection with the Viceregal Visit. It could not be helped. I think, that this year the attendance has gone up considerably. Then Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai alluded to the decline in the recovery of stolen properties. This is mentioned in pages 18 and 19 of my Administration Report. I admit that there was a decline in the percentage of recovery of stolen properties.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know what the cause of the decline is according to the member?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Please allow me to proceed. On page 19 of the Administration Report it is stated :

> "The fall in the percentage of recovery of properties is viewed with regret. The decrease was in Quilon and Kottayam Districts while Trivandrum showed a slight increase. The reason assigned by the District Officers is that in most burglary cases only identifiable properties were recovered and currency notes and coins could not be traced. For instances in a big burglary case at Alleppey in which properties to the value of over Rs. 4,000 were lost only properties

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worth about Rs. 1,500 were recovered and in a similar case at Chalai Bazaar in which unidentifiable currency notes alone to the value of Rs. 1,125 were lost nothing was recovered. The fall in the percentage of recovery appears to be satisfactorily explained, but the attention of all officers is drawn to it."

It is an unfortunate fact that members of the public and myself included do not keep the numbers of the notes that they have in their possession. If the officers of my department are not informed of the numbers of curreney notes lost by them, I do not know how it is possible to do anything in the matter. I have given a comparative statement of the percentage of recovery in regard to stolen properties in the various British Districts bordering the State and in Cochin and if the member would kindly look into the figures minutely, he would be able to compare the state of affairs obtaining in British India and in Cochin State with that of Travancore. I do not think our percentage of recovery is very low. In Madura the percentage was 15·8, in Travancore it was 33·1, in Tinnevelly it was 15·2, in Coimbatore it was 46·1 and I can say, having seen the other side of the Ghats,

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether, after his experience as Commissioner of Police in Travancore, he thinks it proper to compare Travancore with Tinnevelly in regard this kind of crime?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Which kind of crime?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): As regards people being deprived of their property.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Crime exists on both sides of the Ghats.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Does the member say that there is no substantial difference between those places and this State?

PRESIDENT: It is not a comparison of the percentage of crime per head of population or anything of the kind. It relates only to property lost by theft and how much of that has been recovered and not to comparative percentage of crime as between the people here and there.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): There is a sub-joined statement showing the amount of property lost and recovered for ten years. What about that, from 1096, the figures are 30%, 47%, 43%, 39%, 39%, 49% and 38%. No figure is given for 1104. For the year 1105, there is a figure and it is the lowest. Why should we travel beyond the Ghats and console ourselves with what takes place there?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I said, Sir, that in Coimbatore the percentage recovered is 46·1. From my experience of Police work outside the Ghats, it is an abnormally high figure. In Malabar which comprises two Districts, Calicut and Malappuram, the percentage was 31·5. In Cochin State it was 37·1.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): How are they going to manage that?

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MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I am sorry to note that the figure for 1105 is abnormally low when compared with previous years. I am quite prepared to admit it. I noted how the member quoted his figures. He stated for instance, that there was 42 per cent., 39 per cent., 47 per cent., etc. He did not say that there was a 30 per cent in 1096. I wish he were more frank.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : The Police Commissioner of that time might have got his own share of it when the Budget was presented. We would have fought him as we fight him now. The only thing was, that there was no Council, which, this grant when asked, might have disallowed.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : Well, Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai in very strong and vigorous terms spoke about the terrible corruption among the subordinate ranks of the Police Department as regards the traffic work and, when asked for details, he did not cite any. He also referred to the unsatisfactory work turned out by the Traffic Department. Mr. Krishna Pillai also raised several points. One was, that there was for a time a complete cessation of bus traffic in the State from Cape Comorin to Parur. I forgot for how many days he said that the State was without bus traffic. I think he said for five days. Now there was not complete stagnation of traffic in the State. I do not see how I am to be legitimately blamed for the bus strike. That came unawares. It first started in the south and in the north it was very slight. I issued a notice to the public regarding the bus strike and I have sent a copy of it to all the members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly this Council and to the Press. I trust, that I made it clear in that note that as far as I could see the bus strike was due to the dissatisfaction of a small percentage of bus drivers because of the necessary control that I had to exercise over their work. I had explained in that note and I explain to the House now, that I am directly responsible for the safety of the public, to those who travel in buses as passengers as well as for those on foot on public highways. The absolute responsibility in all this rests with me, and I am vested with the power of issuing badges to persons who wish to drive public passenger vehicles. Having power to issue badges, I have also power to withdraw them. I am sure that every sane and careful thinking man will agree with me that if any driver proves himself unfit to drive a bus, it is my duty to take away from him his badge. I do not think that any member will get up and argue against that. I had clearly given in that note the actual figures of drivers who have been affected by what is called my infamous double system of punishment.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : All this relates to traffic and we are now in the travelling allowance motion.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I claim to have a right to speak to the extent I am speaking in view of the unmeasured terms in which Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai alluded to my responsibility. I think I have a right to defend myself on the floor of the

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House against such remarks. I have pointed out that there were 3121 badges issued in 1106 and of these, only 18 were cancelled and 184 suspended. There were 7,500 driving licenses in the same year of which one alone was cancelled and 11 suspended. Again there were 2,225 conductors' badges issued, of which only 14 were cancelled and 25 suspended. I do not consider that my attitude towards bus drivers who drive to the convenience of the public has been unfair in any way. Further, I justify myself as regards infliction of double punishment to drivers. I am justified in exercising my control by the procedure carried on elsewhere, for instance in Madras and Cochin and also in Great Britain. In Madras, the Commissioner of Police exercises his powers regarding suspension and cancellation of badges of drivers and conductors. The same is the case in England under the new Traffic Act of 1930. All Commissioners who are appointed to deal with traffic in various countries have power of issuing, cancelling and suspending badges of conductors and drivers of buses also and the reasons are obvious. That is, on me rests the responsibility and it is my duty to exercise the power vested in me to see that the travelling public are not in any way inconvenienced by drivers who are unfit to drive public vehicles.

Then Mr. Krishna Pillai alluded to preventive work. He alluded to a paragraph of the G. O. given on page (iii) of the Administration Report of 1105.

> "All officers of the Police Department were considerably occupied with the Viceregal visit, and the arrangements connected therewith. The preventive work in connection with the Congress Propoganda and the Civil Disobedience movement, the Suchcendram Satyagraha and Temperance movements also taxed the energies of the force."

Again, Mr. Krishna Pillai, I think, very unfairly alluded to certain remarks and said that I said "I will prevent this movement." I never said anything like that. But the duties of the Police are to see that the law is not violated. I can assure the House that long before the Irwin-Gandhi pact my instructions to the Police were that picketing, if peaceful, if legal in that it did not exceed the right of the ordinary individual and the members of the public, was not to be interfered with. I do not think that the Police have exceeded my instructions. I based my instructions purely on what is law, on what is the right of the individual and the right of the public. If people picket liquor shops or foreign cloth shops, they are to do it peacefully. On the other hand if they try to intimidate, if they abuse those who enter the shops by obstructing their passage on the high way—no one has a right to stand on the high way the only right is to move along—and if they obstruct others, then that has to be prevented. But the Police will not interfere and never have interfered with peaceful picketing. I say again that I had given special instruction to the police long before that they are to interfere only when the rights of the citizens are interfered with by picketers. I may assure the House that this is the correct attitutde in regard to

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temperance or prohibition movements or foreign cloth shops picketing. Many of the workers are actuated by sincere motives, but there has been an appreciable number of rowdy people who have no status, no conscience, no sincerity that took part in the movement. It is they who give trouble and beat the people who go to drink. It is they who smear ashes on drinkers and throw stones on toddy shops. So much so, they endanger people who go for drink. They have no right to pursue the individuals, but they have a right to pursuade the individuals not to resort to drink by propaganda work.

I may assure the House, that I have never said and never will say that I will prevent all legitimate aspirations of social workers and those interested in social welfare.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the Government or the Commissioner instituted an enquiry into the conduct of the Policemen who were sent from here to Shertallai early this year in connection with the prohibition movement? I brought to the notice of this House the serious allegations made against those Policemen and the matter was discussed at length in this House, when, the Government promised to consider the matter. I wish to know if anything has been done in regard to that and whether a document was not printed and sent to Government and the Police Commissioner pointing out the misconduct of the police ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): If a man has any personal grievance against the Police, I will always enquire into it and I have done. So I think I can safely challenge any member of the House to quote an instance of any complaint against a Policeman not having been enquired into by me or by my officers who are responsible for the behaviour of the Police under them.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether it was not brought to the notice of this House itself at the time of the discussion that there was great feeling of insecurity in Shertallai and that people there had no confidence in the police officers or other Government officers who could be approached for redress ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I do not know how far that statement can be alluded to at this date. But I am sorry if some members of the House should consider that there was no confidence in me. I can assure the House that I will always have enquiries made into personal complaints against police officers.

Mr. Krishna Pillai then alluded to my tour work and said that it was most unsatisfactory. Only a small number of stations or so have been inspected by me and all that. If members will kindly refer to page 33 of the Administration Report it is stated thus :—

> "I toured for 115 days and inspected 13 Stations and one Outpost and visited 1 Station.
>
> The District Officers inspected all Stations and Outposts and a few more than once.
>
> Administrative duties, *e. g.*, the Viceregal Tour preparations and the drafting of the Re-allocation and Re-organisation Reports occupied a great part of my time during the year."

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Members may not realise what a considerable strain is involved in preparing the arrangements that have to be made for the safety of the Viceroy and to effect the bundobast on the route.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know how many stations have been inspected by him this year ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I will tell the member in a few minutes.

Members of this House cannot realise the work involved in such a tour programme. Further, I had to draft reorganisation and re-allocation schemes. That volume contains about 75 foolscap printed pages and its compilation occupied a considerable period of my time.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the name of the volume referred to by the Commissioner ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): My proposals regarding re-organisation and re-allocation work of the Police force in the State.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the member can refer to a document that is not presented before the House ?

PRESIDENT: It is merely for information as to the amount of work turned out by him.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is that report available to us ?

PRESIDENT: It is only stating the amount of work done by him.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Is it usual that the Head of the Police Department is given the privilege of drafting proposals for reorganisation of the Police. This is the third or fourth re-organisation scheme presented by a Police Commissioner ?

PRESIDENT: I do not think that any body can definitely say that no reorganisation will hereafter take place in the Police Department.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Every Commissioner writes a scheme of his own and devotes not less than two years for the preparation of it and a third year for touching up the report.

PRESIDENT: It depends upon the view of each member. Please try to finish your speech soon Mr. Bishop.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): This year I have visited over 40 Police stations. My work does not consist merely of inspection of police stations.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഫ ൦ ന്ത ലെ സക്കീട്ടിൽ അഴിമതിക്കാരായ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ കണ്ടുപി ടിച്ചു അവരോടു സമാധാനം വാങ്ങിക്കയോ അവരെ ശിക്ഷിക്കയോ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I am afraid that in spite of Mr. Kunjitomman's certificate I am not a good Malayalam scholar. I have already discussed that and I cannot name them or give details about them.

Again Mr. Krishna Pillai alluded to increase of murders. On page 15 of my Administration Report I have said, Sir, that murder can scarcely be termed a preventable crime and most offences arose out of trivial quarrels, for instance in one case a cyclist ran into a pedestrian's umbrella and in the ensuing quarrel one of them received a stab and died.

Sir, I may say that murder is not a normal crime. If Mr. Krishna Pillai will put forward an adequate scheme for putting down the number of murders I may assure the House that it will be adopted not only by the police force of the State but it will be adopted throughout the world.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Knife Ordinance is one that can be tried, I say.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : That is my suggestion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Now it is adopted by the Ceylon Government.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : My suggestion is that it may be adopted from Ceylon.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : So you cannot claim originality for the suggetion ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I never claim that.

There is no way of keeping down murders and the punishments inflicted for murder are not as hard as they ought to be. As I said before, not only in Travancore, but in Malabar even for the slightest provocation, murders are committed. Quite recently, a cyclist hit against a pedestrian ; a wordy quarrel took place between the two and a few hot words were exchanged and immediately one of them was stabbed by the other ; and he died on the spot.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I know from the member whether he died on the spot or died a couple of days after? Did not the Police help the person in taking him to the nearest hospital ? Is it not usual that such men are not attended to in the hospital when they are taken by the Policemen ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes. Such cases do occur.

Again Mr. Krishna Pillai alluded to the use of Section 139 of the Criminal Procedure Code. He read out from page 17 of the report that the instructions given in 1104, regarding the proper use of Section 139 of the Criminal Procedure Code in frivolous and exaggerated complaints and those involving civil disputes had some effect.

But further it is said that provided station house officers are properly guided by their superior officers the system will prove of general benefit.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is it the opinion of the member that an indiscriminate use of Section 139 still prevails ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I never said so.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Then what does he mean by saying that if proper instructions are given, there will be better control and all that. By that statement does he imply that there is no proper application or use of Section 139 ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I do not say that

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : The member says that by giving proper instruction, etc. Is the member of opinion that the subordinate officers are not giving proper instructions ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I am not of that opinion at all.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Then how does the member account for larger number of cases being brought under Section 139 of the Cr. P. C. ? There is much increase. It is increasing by leaps and bounds. It is more than 12 per cent. of last year.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I am afraid the member is now making a misstatement.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : That is your own statement. The percentage was 12·7 against 8·5.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : That is 4·2 per cent increase.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : How does the member account for those large figures? All cases are not being taken cognisance of by the Police. Why should these people be sent to the Magistrate's Court rather than being helped by the Police in prosecuting cases of offence against the person? Even grievous hurt cases are brought under this section? Why should that be?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I do not think that the increase is much. In Madras the percentage is 13·3. It is the question of guidance that matters, I mean the guidance effected by superior officers. Everybody has to be guided—station house officers are to be guided, Assistant Superintendents have to be guided. On these grounds I oppose the motion.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നില്ല. എങ്കിലും ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിച്ച മറ്റു മാന്യമെമ്പർമാർ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ, പൊലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സഞ്ചാരത്തിൽനിന്നു ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്ന ഗുണം ശരിയായി ഉണ്ടാകുന്നില്ലെന്നു സമ്മതിക്കാം. അദ്ദേഹം പ്രധാനമായി മോട്ടാർ ട്രാഫിക്ക് സംബന്ധിച്ചും, എക്സൈസ് റവന്യൂസംബന്ധിച്ചുമുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങളിലാണ് ഇടപെട്ടു കാണുന്നത്. രാജ്യ

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ത്തിന്റെ ഓരോ ഭാഗങ്ങളിലും സഞ്ചരിച്ച്, ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടേയും കീഴ് സിൽബന്ധികളുടേയും അക്രമികളുടേയും അഴിമതികളെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ച് വേണ്ട നിവൃത്തിവരുത്തി ജനങ്ങളുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തേയും സമാധാനത്തേയും പരിപാലിക്കയാണ് വേണ്ടത്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Karthikapalli*): I want to know whether Mr. Kunjitomman is in order to speak all these when we are discussing the question of reduction of travelling allowance.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): സഞ്ചാരപ്പടി കുറയ്ക്കണൊ വേണ്ടയോ എന്നു പറയുന്നതിനു അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സർക്കീട്ടിൽനിന്നുമുണ്ടാകുന്ന ഗുണദോഷങ്ങളെ കൂടി പറ്റി ആലോചിച്ചു വേണ്ടതാണ്.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Kunjtomman, you are to confine your remarks to the motion before the House with special reference to the Commissioner's travelling allowance.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അതിനാൽ സർക്കീട്ടിൽ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധ പതിപ്പിച്ചു കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ അഴിമതികൊണ്ടു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ഉപദ്രവമുണ്ടാകുന്നുണ്ടൊ എന്നു നോക്കണം. കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലത്തെ സർക്കീട്ടിൽ അഴിമതിക്കാരായ രണ്ടു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു ശിക്ഷിച്ചതായി പറയുന്നു. ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ വളരെ അക്രമികളുള്ളപ്പോൾ അവരിൽ രണ്ടുപേരെ മാത്രം കണ്ടുപിടിക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞതല്ലാതെ ബാക്കിയുള്ളവരെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞില്ലല്ലൊ എന്നു ഞാൻ വ്യസനിക്കുന്നു. ജനങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായം ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ വളരെ അഴിമതിക്കാർ ഉണ്ടെന്നാണ്. അവരെ കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു ശിക്ഷിച്ചു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനെ ഗുണീകരിക്കാത്തതു കഷ്ടംതന്നെ. ഈ മാതിരി സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റി പ്രസ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതിനു അവസരം കിട്ടുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരുപക്ഷേപം ആവശ്യംതന്നെ. കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സർക്കീട്ടു കുറയുമ്പോൾ അഴിമതികൾ കൂടുതൽനടക്കും. കമ്മീഷണർക്ക് അഴിമതിക്കാരെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടപോലെ സാധിക്കുന്നില്ലെങ്കിലും അറിവിൽപെടുന്ന അക്രമികളെ ശിക്ഷിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നുപറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല. ഓരോ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും സഞ്ചരിച്ച്, ജനങ്ങളെ നേരിട്ടുകണ്ടു, പോലീസുകാരുടെ നടത്ത എങ്ങനെയിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു അന്വേഷിച്ചറിഞ്ഞാൽ മാത്രമെ ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ ഭരണം ശ്രേയസ്കരമാകയുള്ളൂ. എന്നാൽ ഈ സംഗതിയിൽ മുമ്പത്തേക്കാൾ കുറച്ചു വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ടെന്നുപറയാം. കമ്മീഷണർ ഓരോസ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും ചെന്നു

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[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

പൌരന്മാരേയും ജനപ്രതിനിധികളേയും കണ്ടു "ഇവിടത്തെ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ എങ്ങനേയാണു്, പോലീസുകാരെക്കൊണ്ടു ജനങ്ങൾക്കുപദ്രവമുണ്ടോ" എന്നൊക്കെ ചോദിക്കാറുണ്ടു്. ആഫീസിലെ കടലാസുകൾ മാത്രം നോക്കി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു ഭരണം നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ കഷ്ടതയും സങ്കടവും ഉണ്ടാക്കും. മറു ചില ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളെപ്പറ്റി നോക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിക്കേണ്ട ചില സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ കുറഞ്ഞുപോകുമെന്നല്ലാതെ വേറെ ദോഷങ്ങൾ അധികം വരികയില്ല. എന്നാൽ പോലീസുഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൻെറ സ്ഥിതി അങ്ങനെയല്ല. അതു ജനങ്ങളുടെ മാനത്തേയും ദേഹത്തേയും ജീവനേയും ബാധിക്കുന്ന ഒന്നാണു്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapali*): പോലീസുകമ്മീഷണർ പൊതുജനപ്രതിനിധികളോടു സ്ഥലത്തുള്ള പോലീസുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെപ്പറ്റി അഭിപ്രായം ചോദിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞുവെല്ലോ. അങ്ങിനെ മെമ്പരോടു അഭിപ്രായം ചോദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): പലരോടും ചോദിക്കാറുണ്ടു്. എന്നോടും ചിലപ്പോൾ ചോദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഞാൻ എൻെറ അയൽത്താലൂക്കിൽ ചെന്നപ്പോൾ പലപൌരപ്രധാനികളോടും കമ്മീഷണർ പോലീസിനെപ്പറ്റി ചോദിച്ച വിവരങ്ങൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നതായി അറിഞ്ഞു.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): അദ്ദേഹം സക്കിട്ടുചെയ്യുന്നതിനു നിവർത്തിയില്ലാത്ത തരത്തിലുള്ള ഒരു ഭരണരീതി ഉണ്ടാക്കിവച്ചിരിക്കയാണെങ്കിൽ കമ്മീഷണർക്കു കൂടുതൽ അലവൻസു നൽകണോ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ആ രീതി മാറ്റിയാൽമതി. സർക്കീട്ടും അലവൻസും കുറയ്ക്കാൻപാടില്ല. അദ്ദേഹം സക്കീട്ടുചെയ്തില്ലെങ്കിൽ ആ വകപണം തിരിയെ ഖജനാവിൽ വന്നുചേരുമല്ലോ. ജനങ്ങളുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തേയും സമാധാനത്തേയും മാനത്തേയും പരിരക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനു നിയുക്തനായ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ, അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ സഞ്ചാരച്ചെലവു കുറച്ചതുകൊണ്ടു്, ശരിയായി ജോലിചെയ്തില്ല എന്നു പറയുവാൻ ഇടവരരുതു്.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): അതിലേക്കു രണ്ടായിരത്തിഅഞ്ഞൂറുരൂപാതന്നെ മതിയാകുമോ?

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MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): പോരാ; കുറേക്കൂടുതൽ അനുവദിച്ചാലും തരക്കേടില്ല. സംഖ്യ ശരിയായിചെയ്യണം.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): സഞ്ചാരപ്പടി ഉദ്ദേശം എത്രരൂപ വേണ്ടിവരും?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): പോലീസ്സ്റ്റേഷൻ എത്രയുണ്ട്, എവിടെയെല്ലാം പോകണം, എത്ര തവണ പോകണം എന്നൊക്കെയുള്ള ഒരു കണക്കെടുത്തു ഞാൻ വേണമെങ്കിൽ ഒടുവിൽ അറിയിക്കാം.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): മറ്റു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാക്കില്ലാത്ത സൌകര്യം പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണക്കുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ? അതായതു സ്റ്റേറ്റ് കാർ കമ്മീഷണരുടെ ആവശ്യത്തിനു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഉണ്ട്. കുറെ ശമ്പളം കുറച്ചാലും മറ്റു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാക്കില്ലാത്ത സൌകര്യം കമ്മീഷണക്കു സഞ്ചാരവിഷയത്തിൽ നൽകണം.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഈ സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപതനകാലത്തും സഞ്ചാരപ്പടി ഇത്രയും അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടതാണൊ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഇപ്പോൾ ക്ഷാമം വഷ്ടിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു മോഷണവും കവർച്ചയും ധാരാളം ഉണ്ടാകും. അതിനാൽ കമ്മീഷണർ നാടൊട്ടുക്കു സഞ്ചരിയ്ക്കേണ്ടതുനിർബന്ധമാക്കണം.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): കൊള്ളയും കവർച്ചയും മറ്റും വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നു പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽത്തന്നെ പറയുന്നുണ്ടു്.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ആ സമാധാനത്തോടു ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഓരോ പ്രദേശങ്ങളിലും ജനങ്ങളുടെ ദേഹത്തേയും, മാനത്തേയും, ധനത്തേയും കാത്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കേണ്ടവരാണു് ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ. അവരെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള പരാതികൾ കമ്മീഷണർ സഞ്ചരിച്ചു ജനങ്ങളോടു ചോദിച്ചു അന്വേഷിച്ചു മനസ്സിലാക്കി അവരെ ശരിപ്പെടുത്തിവയ്ക്കേണ്ടതാണു.

പോലീസ്കമ്മീഷണക്കു മലയാളം കുറെ അറിയാമെന്നു മുൻപൊരു സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ ഞാൻ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ഒരു സഭയിലുംമറും

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പ്രസംഗിക്കാൻതക്ക അറിവ ല്ലെങ്കിലും കുറച്ച തമിഴ്കുടി കലർത്ത് ജനങ്ങളുമായി അല്പസംഭാഷണം നടത്താൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു സാധിക്കും. എന്നാൽ അതുപോരാ. അദ്ദേഹംകുറച്ചുകുടി മലയാളത്തിൽ ജ്ഞാനം സമ്പാദിയ്ക്കണം. ഓരോപോലീസ്സ്റ്റേഷനിലും ചെന്ന് കീഴ്ദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ കറുപ്പ് വെളുപ്പാണെന്നും വെളുപ്പ് കറുപ്പാണെന്നും പറയുന്നതു വിശ്വസിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുപോയി ഭരണം നടത്തുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ ആപത്തുണ്ടാകും. അതുപോലെതന്നെ ആഫീസ് സിൽബന്ധികളെ പൂർണ്ണമായി വിശ്വസിച്ചാലും ആപത്തിൽ അകപ്പെടും.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*) : ഏതാ ഫീസിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണ് മെമ്പർ പറയുന്നതു്?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : കമ്മീഷണരുടെ ആഫീസിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു്. എന്നാൽ എല്ലാ ആഫീസുകളേയും കരുതലോടുകുടിത്തന്നെ പരിശോധിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

പിരുമേടുമുതലായ സുഖവാസസ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽഅധികം സഞ്ചരിട്ടുചെയ്താൽപോരാ. രാജ്യം ഒട്ടുക്കു് ചുറ്റിസഞ്ചരിച്ച് ജനക്ഷേമത്തെ പോലീസ് കാക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു് അന്വേഷിയ്ക്കണം. അതതുസ്ഥലത്തെ ജനപ്രതിനിധികളോടും മറ്റും ചോദിച്ച വാസ്തവംഅറിയുവാൻ ഉത്സാഹിക്കണം.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : ജനപ്രതിനിധികൾ ചിലകാര്യങ്ങൾ തെറ്റിധരിപ്പിയ്ക്കാറില്ലേ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : തെറ്റിധരിപ്പിക്കുന്നവരും കാണും. ആരെയും കണ്ണുമടച്ച വിശ്വസിച്ചു പോകരുതു്. സ്വന്തം ആളുടെ ഗുണത്തിനു വേണ്ടിയൊ, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്ന സ്വന്തം ആളുകളുടെ അഴിമതിയെ നീതീകരിക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടിയൊ ചില ജനപ്രതിനിധികൾ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ തെറ്റിധരിപ്പിച്ച എന്നു വരാം. എന്നാൽ കീഴിലുള്ളവരെക്കാൾ ജനപ്രതിനിധികൾ ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ വാസ്തവം പറയുന്നവരായിരിക്കും എന്നു വേണം വിചാരിക്കാൻ. എന്തുകൊണ്ടെന്നാൽ അവർ ജനങ്ങളാൽതന്നെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെടുന്നവരാണല്ലോ. മറ്റു തെളിവുകളോടു ജനപ്രതിനിധികളുടെയും മറ്റുപൌരന്മാരുടെയും അഭിപ്രായങ്ങളും കൂട്ടിനോക്കുന്നപക്ഷം സംഗതികളുടെ യഥാർത്ഥ്യം ഏതാണ്ട് മനസ്സിലാക്കാവുന്നതാണ്.

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മേൽ പറഞ്ഞ കാരണങ്ങളാൽ പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സഞ്ചാരച്ചെലവിൽ ഫ, ൦ ൦ ൦ രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്ന ഉപക്ഷേപം എനിക്കു സ്വീകരിക്കുവാൻ പാടില്ല ഒരു രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നു കാണിച്ചുപറയുവാൻ ടോക്കൻമോഷനായികൊണ്ടുവന്നിരുന്നു എങ്കിൽ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുമായിരുന്നു. ഈ നിലയ്ക്കു ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പ്രതിക്ഷേപിക്കുന്നു.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥ ഭാഗത്തുനിന്നും പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള വാദങ്ങൾക്കു തൃപ്തികരമായ ഒരു മറുപടി അല്ല പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണർ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു് എങ്കിലും ഈ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുവാൻ എനിക്കു നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. മിസ്റ്റർ കുഞ്ഞുകൃഷ്ണപിള്ളയുടെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽനിന്നും എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്, കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ അക്രമങ്ങൾ നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നും, കമ്മീഷണരുടെ പരിശോധന വേണ്ടവിധത്തിൽ നടക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നുമാണു്. പിന്നെ ഒന്നു് ഇവിടെ പ്രതിപാദിച്ചതു് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ പരിശോധനകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ പറയത്തക്ക പ്രയോജനം ഒന്നും ഇല്ല എന്നുള്ളതാണു്. ഈ കാരണങ്ങളാൽ പരിശോധനയേ ആവശ്യമില്ലാ എന്നു തോന്നുമാറു് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സഞ്ചാരച്ചെലവിൽനിന്നും ഫ, ൦ ൦ ൦ രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണു പറയുന്നതു്. കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ഇടയിൽ അക്രമം ധാരാളമായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നസ്ഥിതിക്കു് അവയെ നേരിട്ടുകണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു വേണ്ട പരിഹാരമാർഗ്ഗം ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിനു കമ്മീഷണക്കു വേണ്ടസൌകര്യം കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണു്.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): സഞ്ചാരച്ചെലവു ധാരാളം കൊടുത്തിട്ടും കമ്മീഷണർ ഫ ഫ ൫ ദിവസമേ സ്ക്കീട്ടു പോയിട്ടുള്ളൂ എന്നാണു റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ കാണുന്നതു്.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അങ്ങനെയാണെങ്കിൽഒരു ടോക്കൺമോഷൻകൊണ്ടുവന്നു കമ്മീഷണക്കു് അനുവദിക്കുന്ന സഞ്ചാരച്ചെലവു മുഴുവൻ ഉപയോഗിച്ചു കൂടുതൽ സ്ക്കീട്ടു ചെയ്യുവേണ്ടവിധത്തിൽ പ്രവർത്തിക്കണം എന്നു നിർദ്ദേശിക്കയാണു വേണ്ടതു്.

കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സഞ്ചാരച്ചെലവു കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിനുപറഞ്ഞതായ മറ്റൊരുകാരണം ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപതനമാണു്. എന്നാൽ ഈ ഒരു കാരണം കൊണ്ടുതന്നെ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ സമാധാനം പരിരക്ഷിക്കേണ്ട ഒരുഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന്റെ മേധാവിക്കു കൂടുതൽ യാത്രചെയ്യാനുള്ള സന്ദർഭം അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. ദാരിദ്ര്യം ഒരു രാജ്യത്തു വ്യാപരിക്കയാണെങ്കിൽ അവിടെ അക്രമംതാർച്ചയായും, അവർ അറിയാതെ

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തന്നെ, വർദ്ധിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ഇപ്പോഴും കൂലിക്കാക്കും മറ്റുള്ളവക്കും തമ്മിൽ ഓരോ വിധത്തിലുള്ള മത്സരങ്ങൾ നടന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. കൂലിക്കാരെ ആവശ്യമില്ലാതെ മർദ്ദിക്കണം എന്ന് ഒരു കൂട്ടരും മറ്റുള്ളവർ തങ്ങളെ ഉപദ്രവിക്കയാണെന്നു തൊഴിലാളികളും മനസ്സിലാക്കി ധാരാളം കുഴപ്പങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാകാവുന്ന ഒരു സന്ദർഭമാണ് ഇത്. ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ മാത്രം ആശ്രയിച്ചു ഭരണം വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കയാണെങ്കിൽ ധനവാന്മാർ അവരെ വേണ്ടവിധത്തിൽ വശീകരിച്ചു സാധുക്കൾക്കു നേരെ ഒരുമ്പെട്ടു എന്നുവരാം. കമ്മീഷണരെപ്പോലെ ഉള്ള ഒരു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ ആ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ പോകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഏതാണ്ടൊരാശ്വാസത്തിനു വകയുണ്ട്.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : ചേത്തലയിൽ സാധുമർദ്ദനം നടന്നുവന്നില്ലേ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി എനിക്ക് രണ്ടു പ്രകാരത്തിലുള്ള അറിവു കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഈ കൌൺസിലിലെ മെംബറന്മാർ എന്ന നിലയിൽ അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയ ചിലരിൽ നിന്നും സാധുമർദ്ദനം ധാരാളം നടന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും, വേറെ ചില സ്നേഹിതന്മാരിൽ നിന്നും അങ്ങനെ നടന്നിട്ടില്ലെന്നും ആണ് എനിക്കു കിട്ടിയിട്ടുള്ള അറിവ്.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): ഇതിൽ ആരുടെ സ്റ്റേറുമെൻറാണ് മെംബർ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : രണ്ടു സ്റ്റേറുമെൻറിലും അല്പസ്വല്പവ്യത്യാസങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ട്.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): ഇതിൽ ഏതാണ് മെംബർ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. P. S MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : ഈ രണ്ടു കൂട്ടരുടെ സ്റ്റേറുമെൻറിലും അല്പസ്വല്പം തെറ്റുകൾ ഉണ്ട്.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): ഏതായാലും പോലീസുകാരുടെ ഉപദ്രവം അവിടെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : കുറെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : അതനുസരിച്ചു പോലീസു കമ്മീഷണർ അവിടെ പോയോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : അതു കൊണ്ടാണു സഞ്ചാരപ്പടി കുറയ്ക്കാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതിന്റെ കാരണം.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): റി. എ. ഇല്ലാത്തതു കൊണ്ടാണോ കമ്മീഷണർ ചേർത്തലയ്ക്കു പോകാതിരുന്നതു്?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അതു കമ്മീഷണരോടു തന്നെ ചോദിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): തന്റെ സാന്നിദ്ധ്യം ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടും പോകാതിരുന്ന പോലീസു കമ്മീഷണക്കു് അലവൻസു് അനുവദിക്കാതിരിക്കയല്ലേ നല്ലതു്?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അല്ല. കൂടുതൽ അലവൻസ്സു് കൊടുത്തു ജാഗ്രതയായി ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള സൌകര്യം കൊടുക്കയാണു വേണ്ടതു്.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): ൨,൦൦൦ രൂപാ അനുവദിച്ചപ്പോൾ ൨,൫൦൦ രൂപാ ചിലവാക്കിയ കമ്മീഷണർ ഈ പടികുറെ കുറച്ചാലും കൂടുതൽ ചിലവാക്കുകയില്ലേ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അങ്ങിനെ ചിലവാക്കിയിട്ടില്ല.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): ൧൯൦൫-ലെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ അങ്ങിനെ കാണുന്നുണ്ടു്.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ൧൯൦൫ ൽ ൨,൫൦൦ രൂപാ ചിലവാക്കി എന്നു് എനിക്കറിയാം.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ ഭക്ഷണ സാധനങ്ങളുടേയും മറ്റും വിലക്കുറവുകൊണ്ടു ഗ്രേവ്ക്രൈംസ് കുറഞ്ഞു വരുന്നു എന്നു കാണിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ഡയഗ്രം ഉണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഇപ്പോൾ ഭക്ഷണസാധനങ്ങളുടെ വില കുറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു കൊ ക്രൈംസ് കുറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ലേ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഭക്ഷണസാധനങ്ങൾകൊണ്ടു മാത്രമാണു തൊഴിലാളികളുടെ ജീവിതം മുന്നോട്ടു പോകേണ്ടതെന്നു വരുകിൽ കമ്മീഷണർ പറയുന്നതു ശരിയായിരിക്കും. എന്നാൽ അതു മാത്രമല്ല ജീവിതായോധനത്തിന്റെ മാനദണ്ഡം എന്നു് ആദ്യം മനസ്സിലാക്കണം. സാധുക്കൾക്കു് ആഹാരസാധനം മാത്രം കിട്ടിയാൽ പോരാ. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം, വസ്ത്രധാരണം തുടങ്ങിയുള്ള സംഗതികളും അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമാണു്. അതിൽ ഇന്നു് അവക്കു കൂടുതൽ സങ്കടമുണ്ടു്.

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MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): അതുകളൊക്കെ ശരിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനാണൊ പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണക്കു കൂടുതൽ സഞ്ചാരപ്പടി കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു്?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഞാൻ ഇതുവരെ പറഞ്ഞതിൽനിന്നും എന്റെ സ്നേഹിതൻ അങ്ങിനെയാണു മനസ്സിലാക്കിയതെങ്കിൽ ഇനിയും ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു് അതുപോലെ മനസ്സിലാക്കാനേ തരമുള്ളൂ. ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു് അങ്ങനെയല്ല. ഇന്നത്തെ സാമ്പത്തികാധിപത്യംകൊണ്ടു് അക്രമങ്ങൾ കൂടുതലായിട്ടു ഉണ്ടായി കൂടുതൽ അസമാധാനം പലസ്ഥലത്തും നേരിടാൻ ഇടയുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു്, പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരെപ്പോലെയുള്ള ഒരു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ കൂടുതലായിട്ടു സക്കീട്ടചെയ്യുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നാൽ അതിനു ശമനം ഉണ്ടാകാൻ എളുപ്പമുണ്ടു് എന്നാണു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതു്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): തൊഴിലാളികളുടെ ഇടയിൽ പോലീസുകാർ ചെന്നാൽ അവരുടെ ദാരുണ്യം കുറയുമോ, കൂടുമോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഉത്തരവാദിത്വമുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ അസമാധാനം ഉള്ള സമയത്തു് ആ സ്ഥലത്തുചെന്നാൽ തൊഴിലാളിക്കു് ഉപദ്രവം ഉണ്ടാകയില്ല.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): തൊഴിലാളികളുടെ ഇടയിൽ സങ്കടമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണർ എത്തി അതു തീക്കും എന്നു് മെംബർ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): എനിക്കു നല്ല വിശ്വാസം ഉണ്ടു്.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): അങ്ങനെ എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും മെംബർക്കനുഭവപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): എന്റെ അനുഭവത്തിൽ പൊലീസ് കമ്മീഷണർ വരുത്തിക്കൂട്ടുന്നതുള്ള സംഭവങ്ങൾ ഒന്നും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapallai*): ആലപ്പുഴയിൽ ചില കുഴപ്പങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായപ്പോൾ പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരെ വരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സാന്നിധ്യം ആവശ്യപ്പെടത്തക്ക നിലയിൽ അവിടെ യാതൊരുസംഗതികളും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Speaking in support of the motion, I want to point out just one item of the Budget for the particular attention of this House; and in referring to that point, I would most earnestly urge upon this House to consider it carefully and to examine its propriety and vote for the motion so that we could have the satisfaction of having done something in the proper direction.

I fail to see, Sir, the particular sanctity or sacredness of this officer known as the Commissioner of Police. I have absolutely no quarrel with the present incumbent. Perhaps Mr. Bishop is also one of those who are under the impression that I always have a lot of complaints against the Police. Whatever that be, Sir, I want to know what is the particular sanctity attached to this officer, who, in his salary and other emoluments, is next, probably, only to the Dewan, and above all the other officers of the State.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Krishna Pillai, that has nothing to do with the motion now before the House. Please confine yourself to the T. A. and things connected with that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : The T A and all the other items of expenditure on account of the Commissioner of Police would surely convince the House of the special sanctity of this particular officer.

PRESIDENT : I have already told you, Mr. Krishna Pillai, that has nothing to do with the motion now before the House. Please confine yourself to the T. A. and to the necessity of the cut proposed by the motion.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I think the House will agree with me that the amount spent for the upkeep of his motor car also comes under his T. A. The Budget shows that, for the upkeep of his motor car, Rs. 750 has been provided. This is a privilege which no other officer, except the Dewan, enjoys in the State.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : May I point out, Sir, that that does not come under the provision for my T. A. now under consideration ?

PRESIDENT : He is referring to that to show that the provision of Rs. 2,500 for your T. A. is not necessary.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : And then, Sir, his chaffeur is paid Rs. 30 per mensem as salary ; that comes to Rs. 360 per annum. Besides that, that fortunate individuval, the chaffeur by virtue of being the chaffeur of the Police Commissioner, is allowed to draw a personal allowance of another Rs. 3 a month ; that comes to another Rs. 36 in the year, which the poor vernacular school teacher would very much wish to have. The Commissioner of Police is given a State Car; he gets a house rent allowance of Rs. 1,200 and an over seas allowance of Rs. 4,950 besides the salary of Rs. 12,000, per annum. If it is the convention for this Government to provide for all these to the Commissioner of Police, I wish to know whether it is not high

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[Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai.]

time to break such a convention in the light of the cultural advancement in the country, in the light of modern conditions, and, most of all, in the light of the very serious economic distress now prevailing in the country. I once more request this House to vote for the motion, so that the House may show its emphatic protest against such a state of affairs as now obtains with reference to the Commissioner of Police. With these words, I support the motion moved by Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): In opposing the motion, I wish to point out that the only question now before the House is whether the Commissioner of Police should be allowed the T. A. that has been provided for in the Budget. Therefore, whether he has got house-rent allowance, or any other allowance, has nothing to do with the motion now under discussion. If the House wants to consider those matters they should be considered independently and not under the present motion.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): What is the motor car intended for, if not for his travel?

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): I do not know the provisions in the covenant of the present incumbent. I am under the impression that the supply of a motor car also forms an item in his covenant.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I remind the member that the provisions in his covenant are quite beside the point?

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): How is that? If there is a covenant, certainly the House cannot interfere with that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Does the member suggest that this House has no right to propose any reduction in the expenditure on account of covenanted officers or to express its opinion on that?

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): I do not think the House would be justified in proposing changes in covenants agreed to by our Government. If we do it we would be exposing the Government.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the House is under any obligation not to expose Government even in regard to their faults?

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): It is after all *our* Government; we would not therefore be justified in attempting to break their covenants.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether it is the member's view that any covenant that Government may enter into should be countenanced and approved of by this House?

PRESIDENT: This question does not arise.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): If Mr. Govindan can refer to the covenant, I submit, Sir, I am also entitled to refer to it.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): I do not at all suggest that the House should ratify any covenant that the Government may enter into.

PRESIDENT: We are not discussing any covenant now.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): I would not have referred to the question of the covenant at all but for the question put to me by Mr. Krishna Pillai.

In considering the question whether the amount, allotted for the T. A. to the Commissioner of Police, should be reduced, most of the arguments advanced on this side of the House related to the necessity for *more* of inspection and supervision by the Commissioner of Police, and not to obviate such necessity. I submit, Sir, the argument that there is *more* need for inspection and control by the Commissioner of Police is more in favour of *increasing* his travelling allowance, than in favour of any reduction in it. In the course of the discussion, Sir, there was a little unhappy comparison made, between the Chief Engineer and the Commissioner of Police, by Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai. I thought *he* would not have indulged in it. It is not very good taste, I am afraid.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I rise to a point of order, Sir. The member is not authorised to use such strong expressions with reference to other members.

MR. M. GOVINDAN: (*Nominated*): Where is the strength in the expression, I wonder.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I want a ruling from the Chair as to whether members are allowed to make personal references and cast reflections on the conduct of other members. If I am allowed I can very well meet my friend.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): I am sure it is perfect parliamentary language that I used.

PRESIDENT: If all the members would always remember that personality had better be avoided, there would be no one more glad than I, as President of the Council. Sometimes personalities *are* indulged in, and I do not immediately pull up the members. Still, even there, there must be a limit. If any member goes beyond the limit, it is my duty to pull him up; and you may rest assured that I shall do it.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): My point is that there is as much necessity for the Commissioner of Police here to go on circuit to control the work of his subordinates in these days, as there is in other countries; and it would be most unfortunate, if this House would use its discretion to cut down the travelling allowance which is very necessary for the efficient control of this department the work of which is all important for the safety of person and property in this country.

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MR. A THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the member is in a position to tell us the percentage of the expenditure, connected with the travelling to be done by the Commissioner of Police, that is proposed to be met by the provision of Rs. 2,500 now under consideration? It has been pointed out that the Commissioner has been supplied with a motor car; that provision has been made for its upkeep, and that the Government also pay for a costly driver for his car. It is therefore that I wish to know from the member the items of expenditure, in connection with the travelling to be done by the Commissioner of Police, that are to be met out of this sum of Rs. 2,500?

PRESIDENT: Mr. Govindan has already resumed his seat. You may make a speech if you like.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I have stood up *before* he sat down.

PRESIDENT: No, he has sat down.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് എന്നു കേൾക്കുമ്പോൾതന്നെ അധഃകൃതരുടെയിടയിൽ ഒരു ഭയത്തെ ഉണ്ടാക്കിതീർക്കുന്നൊരായിട്ടാണു മുമ്പ് ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു ഇരുന്നിരുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ അടുത്തകാലത്തു് അധഃകൃതസമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടവരെകൂടി ചേർത്തുവരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒരു മതിപ്പോ, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് എന്തെങ്കിലും സഹായം ചെയ്യുമെന്നുള്ള വിചാരമോ അധഃകൃതരുടെയിടയിൽ സ്ഥലം പിടിച്ചു. എന്നാൽ പോലീസ്കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സഞ്ചാരച്ചെലവിലേക്കു കുറച്ചാൽ അധഃകൃതർക്കു മറ്റുള്ളവരിൽനിന്നും ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന ഉപദ്രവങ്ങൾക്കു് ഒരു ശമനം ഉണ്ടാക്കാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): ഇപ്പോൾ കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സഞ്ചാരച്ചെലവിലേക്കു ൨,൫൦൦-രൂപാ വച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു് ആവശ്യമാണെന്നാണൊ പറയുന്നതു്?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): അതേ.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): ഈ ൨,൫൦൦ രൂപാ വച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു് ഏതെല്ലാം ചിലവിനാണു് എന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): രാജ്യത്തിൻെറ നാനാഭാഗങ്ങളിലും ചുറ്റിസഞ്ചരിച്ചു ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾ അറിഞ്ഞു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നതിനും പോലീസിനെപ്പറ്റി അധഃകൃതരുടെയിടയിൽ ഒരു ബോധം ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിനുമാണു്.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : മോട്ടാർകാറുണ്ട്; ഡ്രൈവറുണ്ട്; പിന്നെ എന്തിനാണ് ഈ ൨,൪൦൦ രൂപാ സഞ്ചാരപ്പടിയായി കൊടുക്കേണ്ടത്?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): പെട്ടെന്ന് ആവശ്യം നേരിട്ടമ്പോൾ ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തു എത്തുന്നതിനാണ് പോലീസ് കമ്മിഷണർക്കു വാഹനസൌകര്യം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളത്. ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തു് ഒരു വിപ്ലവം ഉണ്ടാകുമ്പോൾ പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണർക്കു വാഹനസൌകര്യം ഇല്ലാതിരുന്നാൽ പെട്ടെന്നു എത്താൻ സാധിക്കാതെ കാലതാമസം നേരിട്ടേയ്ക്കും അതിനാൽ മോട്ടാർകാർ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. പിന്നീടു സക്കീട്ടിൽ പോകുമ്പോൾ മറ്റു ചിലവിനു് എന്തിനാണു പണം എന്നു ചോദിക്കുന്നപക്ഷം അതിലേക്കു് ഒരു സമാധാനം പറയുവാൻ എനിക്കു സാധിക്കയില്ല.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : മോട്ടാർകാറുള്ളപ്പോൾ പിന്നെ എന്തിനാണ് ഈ അലവൻസ്?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): അതു ഗവൺമെൻറിനോടുതന്നെ ചോദിക്കണം.

പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ കൈവിരൽകൊണ്ടു എണ്ണത്തക്കവണ്ണം അധികൃതരിൽ ചിലരെ എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. എന്നാൽ അതു പോരാ.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Sir may I know how all this comes under T. A ?

PRESIDENT : മി. ജാൺ ജോസഫ്, സഞ്ചാരപ്പടി കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നു പറയുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ ഇതൊക്കെ പറയുന്നതെന്തിനാണു്?

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): അധികൃതരെപ്പറ്റി മാത്രം പറയുകയാണു്.

PRESIDENT: അതു ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ പാടില്ല; വേറെ ഒരു സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ പറയണം.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): അതിനാൽ പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ സഞ്ചാരപ്പടി കുറയ്ക്കാൻ പാടില്ല എന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പ്രതിക്ഷേപിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : Sir, as the debate has been fairly exhaustive, I move that the question be now put.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Sir, some of my friends, especially Mr. Govindan and Mr. Mahomed, raised the argument that I complained, when I proposed this reduction under T. A., that the controlling by the Commissioner of Police was not satisfactory and that

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the corruption in the department was not being properly looked into. According to them, it would look that I was contradicting myself when I complained of want of control by the head of the department and at the same time suggested a reduction in his T. A. I suppose that was the trend of their argument.

My proposal was contradicted because I complained that there are defects due to the want of control by the head of the department. They say it is not correct to suggest a reduction in the travelling allowance under such circumstances. I suppose that was the trend of their argument. What I want to tell them in reply is that even though there was no complaint of the inadequacy of the amount for last year he has not been doing that work and as Mr. Thanu Pillai suggested for the money we are now allowing there is no guarantee whatever to assure us that it will be spent for the proper guidance of the subordinate staff. Experience shows otherwise. He was saying that the liberty and freedom of the citizen was in his hands. Whenever his presence was required emergently in any place he has not been found there. I allude to the situation in Shertallai. There was a wire from one of the members of this Council saying that the situation was serious and therefore the Commissioner should go and enquire into the matter. A letter followed describing the details. Now after 40 days, if I am correct, the Commissioner goes there. And what was the result? We do not know whether any enquiry was made. That was referred to in the Council and the Acting Dewan promised to enquire into it. We are at a loss to know what the head of the department has done. That is how the liberty of the citizen has been the anxious consideration of the Police Commissioner.

There was another incident at Manakad. People went to his bungalow and complained to the Commissioner. But he did not go.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I contradict it.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): I was one of those who went to the Commissioner and I can assure the member that he responded.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I attach more value to the correctness of the Commissioner. I do not want the assurance of Mr. Govindan.

PRESIDENT: You did not accept the correction at once as you ought to have done and so Mr. Govindan said that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Mr. Govindan said only that he *responded*.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to the traffic department and the activities of the police there, I think the Police Commissioner boldly and courageously made a comparison with the police in Madras and Great Britain. I think they might have more bus troubles and they might have more serious punishments. But what is the comparison between the British Police and the police in the traffic here?

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MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I did not make a comparison between the British Police and the Police here. I only compared the system of punishment.

MR K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : He referred to the British Isles also, if I remember correct. The complaint is not that the bus drivers are punished. A more vigilant scrutiny of the subordinates is necessary. The complaint is due to the fact that these drivers are punished because they do not conform to certain details which will preclude them from the punishment of the constable Those who do not do it are punished. The subordinates take action in a vindictive way. If their desires are not satisfied these drivers are punished. That is the whole case of the complaint. The Commissioner said that he anticipated even the Gandhi-Irwin pact and followed a policy of concilation.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I never said that I followed a policy of conciliation.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : I think he said like that. He does not recognise that the private citizen had the right of peaceful picketing of liquor shops and foreign cloth shops even before the Gandhi-Irwin pact. I do not know what made him mention those great names.

Now I must remind the Commissioner that there was some prosecution in the Quilon Magistrates' Court because some people suggested picketing. Nobody actually picketed. I am not aware of any picketing movement in the State. But it was simply for suggesting picketing that they were prosecuted. But the Court honourably acquitted them. The Magistrate said that picketing is a legal measure.

The Police Commissioner wants us to believe conclusively all what he says and to take all that is contained in the report as correct. He was saying that all these are technical matters requiring special skill and that he did all that was possible under the circumstances. This is the way in which he wants the House to take it. I am sorry, we cannot take it as such. We cannot gulp down so much.

With regard to the temperance movement, I have been very much in touch with it and I know what the activities of the police have been. I do not want to make any special mention. What the Commissioner said was that he was guarding the right of the citizen, and the police were helping us. I know pretty well how the police were helping the movement. Anybody who had anything to do with the movement would be convinced of the conduct of the police. Whatever it may be that induces us to vote for or against the motion, this fact remains that the police were not helping the picketers or people who were fighting for prohibition. I do not think that this House is so dull as to understand that the police were helping the movement, or protecting the safety of the citizen.

With regard to the Alleppey picketing movement, the Commissioner said that he sympathised with it. We know the value of that sympathy. We know what had been going on and what complaints there are. The difficulty is that we will be called for specific instances

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which will be impossible to furnish in certain cases. There is practical difficulty which a sympathetic administrator has to take into account The Commissioner has now sent a clever Police Inspector there. He was first sent from Trivandrum to Quilon. A very able officer was made to do this dirty job. He may succeed in his attempt. He has got sufficient ability, resources and intelligence. With regard to the picketing movement at Alleppey, you ask the attitude of the police to the ladies who were there. If you ask that venerable old lady Mrs. Anthruper about the attitude of the police there she will tell you the real facts. I think she will be the best person to be relied upon. Those who have eyes to see and ears to hear must believe her. She will give you the first hand information about the conduct of the police there. Sir, whatever attitude the House may take, one fact remains and the impression has been carried to all people who think independently that the whole reply of the Police Commissioner to the searching and minute questions of my friend Mr. S Krishna Pillai was a dull tale. That cannot be gain said Even Mr. Kunjitomman who opposed the motion has admitted that. The whole trend of the feeling of this House, I think is against the Commissioner and it is such an officer that has been given extension.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, several speakers have raised various points. I agree with Mr. Kunjitomman that corruption should be put down Every three months I enlist fresh police recruits They are of flesh and blood, people of this country. If there is to be no corruption I shall have to enlist angels. No one will come forward and give evidence of bribery. If I can get hold of a man who has taken bribes you may rest assured that I will dismiss that man.

A great deal was stressed about the decrease in the detection of crimes. I may draw the attention of the House that the percentage of detection improved.

Under	murder in 1103 it was	50	per cent.	and in 1107	71	per cent.
,,	culpable homicide	100	,,	..	100	,,
,,	robbery	50	,,	...	78	,,
,,	house breaking and theft	94	,,	...	100	,,
,,	cattle theft	90	,,	...	96	,,
,,	theft	84	,,	..	94	,,

There is not even one single minus figure and the members who spoke in opposition have carefully omitted this point.

Mr. Krishna Pillai seems to have remarked that every Commissioner who comes here is engaged in reorganisation scheme and there are three or four such reorganisation schemes made by successive Commissioners. Police work has to be improved to keep abreast with the times. Therefore a reorganisation is necessary. We cannot keep behind in police work. Members of this Council and those of the Assembly very often express a desire to have a Police Station here or

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an Out-post there and more of Police in another place. These are matters which necessitate reorganisation and which have to be looked into by successive Commissioners. I do not think you can cavil at that.

Mr. Damodaran Asan questioned Mr. P. S. Mahomed when he spoke about the Police in Alleppey. I think Mr. Mahomed will be the first to agree that when a large number of people gather temper goes high and they may make trouble. He will be the first person to regret any trouble amongst his labourers and the Police must be there for safety to see that no trouble occurs. We are not interested in the claims of the labouring class whether they are legitimate or not because that does not concern the Police.

Various members mentioned about my motor car and I think that the implication was that I was happy enough to go in my motor car paying nothing, drawing milage and travelling allowance during my journeys. Of course, the motor car belongs to the Government. I am responsible for the upkeep of the motor car. Once in an year it undergoes an annual repair at the expense of Government and I have to meet all expenses of replacement, etc., up to a cost of 50 per cent. I have to pay for the petrol and the oil and for accessories. Government incur only the cost of the annual repairs and I have to meet the rest. Therefore members who think that I am having a free car with no expenses and drawing travelling allowance are mistaken.

Mr. Govindan said that I must move about the country for the safety of the public and I agree with him and especially so at a time of economic distress when there are likely to be more crimes. If you cut down my travelling allowance, I shall not be able to move about as much as I wish, and it will affect my work.

Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai referred to the picketing question and the Police activities connected with it. He said that there was no picketing I may tell him that there have been cases of picketing. There was picketing of liquor shops. Shop No. 27 near Quilon was picketed on 9-4-06. There was also another instance in Kunnatnad. The reports say that drinkers were obstructed and cases were charged in the Magistrate's court.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I want to know whether the Commissioner prosecuted anybody for picketing?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): You will find that one of the gentlemen who conducted picketing said that if those connected with the trade did not give up their activities, their trade will be stopped and they will be beaten with canes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Is the member aware that when one man said that he will picket another immediately the Police were called for?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): No.

PRESIDENT: Do you press you motion to a division, Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai?

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Yes, Sir.

The motion was put to the House and lost, 21 voting for and 25 against.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I demand a poll.

A poll was taken and the House divided as follows:—

AYES—21.

1.	Mr. K. C. Chandi	12.	Mr. K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Shertallai*)
2.	,, A. S. Damodaran Asan	13.	,, M. P. Madhavan Pillai
3.	,, K. Gopalakrishna Pillai	14.	,, M. Mahomed Mustapha
4.	,, Joseph Kunju	15.	,, A. Narayana Pillai
5.	,, K. Krishnan Nair	16.	,, K. Narayanaperumal Nadar
6.	,, E. V. Krishna Pillai	17.	,, K. Padmanabha Panikkar
7.	,, N. K. Krishna Pillai	18.	,, Rama Varma Raja
8.	,, S. Krishna Pillai	19.	,, N. A. Sundaram Pillai
9.	,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai	20.	,, A. Thanu Pillai
10.	,, K. Madhavan Pillai	21.	,, O. M. Thomas
11.	,, K. P. Madhavan Pillai (*Chirayinkil*)		

NOES—25.

1.	Mr. K. P. Abraham	14.	Mr. K. George
2.	Mrs. Anna Chandi	15.	,, P. Gomatinayakam Pillai
3.	Mr. M. Govindan	16.	,, P. N. Krishna Pillai
4.	,, N. John Joseph	17.	,, R. Krishna Pillai
5.	,, K. C. Karunakaran	18.	Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
6.	,, K. I. Kocheeppan Mappilla	19.	Mr. E. G. McAlpine
7.	,, Tariatu Kunjitomman	20.	,, C. O. Madhavan
8.	,, L. J. T. Polgreen	21.	,, R. Nilakanta Pillai
9.	,, P. S. Mahomed	22.	,, Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai
10.	,, R. S. Subrahmanya Pillai	23.	Dr. K. Raman Tampi
11.	,, L. A. Bishop	24.	Mr. R. Vaidyalingom Pillai
12.	,, I. C. Checko	25.	,, J. S. Westerdale
13.	,, R. Dhanukoti Pillai		

NEUTRALS—3.

1.	Mr. S. Chattanatha Karayalar	3.	Mr. C. N. Tuppan Namputiripad
2.	,, K. P. Kochukora Tarakan		

The motion was declared lost, 21 voting *for* the motion, 25 *against* and 3 remaining *neutral*.

Motions 138 to 140.

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN :

138. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowances by Rs. 3

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM :

139. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowances by Rs. 4

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MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN:

140. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowances by Rs. 5

Motion 141.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I beg to move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,000 for purchase of stores, equipment and clothing by Re. 1

My object in making this motion is to suggest that *Khaddar* or at least the Indian made clothes be purchased for the uniform of the Police. Sir, I do not think that a long speech is necessary to support my motion. These are days of economic crisis and we are trying to solve the economic problem. It is an accepted policy in all the States that indigenous industries should be encouraged and we have seen that His Highness the Yuva Raja of Mysore has in a recent speech said that all attempts should be made to encourage indigenous industries to provide employment for the people of the country. By purchasing *Khddar* for the uniform of the Police, Government will be taking a step which will be advantageous in more ways than one. First of all, it helps to reduce unemployment in the State. Secondly, this *Khaddar* has now become or is now considered to be the symbol of purity, justice and non-violence and all the desirable qualities particularly necessary for a Police officer. So in that way also purchasing *Khaddar* for these uniforms will be advantageous. I do not want to make a lengthy speech in support of this motion. With these words I place this motion before the House.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): What does he mean by mill made cloth ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): If *khaddar* is not obtained in sufficient quantity, mill made cloth may be purchased.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*) : Is it mill made yarn and hand woven cloth ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In that case I would prefer *khaddar* first, and mill made yarn and hand woven cloth second and Indian mill woven cloth as a last resort.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Will there be sufficient supply ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I am not sure. That is why I have provided for this contingency. In case you canot get *khaddar* for the whole money which is now available, you may prefer mill made cloth as a temporary measure.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): സർ, മി. ദാമോദരനാശാന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ഖദറായിരുന്നാലും മിൽമെയിഡ് ത്രണിയായിരുന്നാലും കഴിയുന്നതും തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്ന വസ്ത്രംതന്നെ പോലീസുകാരുടെ യൂണിഫാറത്തിനായി ഉപയോഗിക്കണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. നമ്മുടെ ജയിലിൽ വസ്ത്ര

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[Mr. P. S. Mahomed.]

ങ്ങം ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ഒരു നെയ്ത്തുവിദ്ധനെ വച്ചു നാം ശ്രമം കൊടുക്കുന്നു. യൂണിഫാറം ഏതെല്ലാം ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകൾക്കെല്ലാം ആവശ്യമുണ്ടോ അവയ്ക്കെല്ലാം ആവശ്യമുള്ള വസ്ത്രങ്ങൾ കൊടുക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറോ, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ വസ്ത്രം ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്ന മറ്റു സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളോ വച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമെന്താണു്? അതുകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ മി. ആശാൻറെ ഉപേക്ഷണത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): Sir, I also rise to support the motion of Mr. Asan. Indian cloth must be preferred to foreign cloth is a proposition that I am sure will be quite acceptable to the other side of the House also. No speech is wanted for that. I come particularly from a class which is primarly engaged in weaving and I am very particular that this mill made cloth and *khaddar*, those woven cloth made here should not be kept out and so I interupted Mr. Asan and introduced that woven cloth or cloth made in Travancore is available in sufficient quantity and if a proper tender is coming forward.....

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it the member's opinion that the Commissioner should also wear *khaddar* ?

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): It is a matter of personal predeliction and I am not inclined to compel the Commissioner to wear any particular cloth.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I wish to refer the member to the rule which says that the Commissioner of Police when he wears the uniform does not have any exeception.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): I hope the Commissioner will accept the suggestions contained in the motion and will adopt this which is bound to have a far-reaching effect on the industry in the State.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I also support the motion.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ഞാനും പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, I can plainly see that the whole House is in favour of the motion since no one has spoken against it. At the same time I must ask Mr. Damodaran Asan to withdraw it because the Police *are* supplied with Indian mill made cloth and I am also wearing Indian mill made cloth uniform. Every year tenders are called for cloth and the tender for the last few years and this year from the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills has been accepted. We require 12,000 yards of khaki in one and 23,000 yards of khaki in the second year. The tender we have accepted is for six annas ten pies a yard. Every man who wears uniform from myself to

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to the latest recruit wears Indian mill made cloth, made of cotton grown in India by Indians, taken to the factory by Indian labour, worked up by Indians and I think that the profit also goes—what share I do not know—to Indians.

MR. RAMAVARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*) : Do the profits go to Indians?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : A portion of it goes to Indians. It is run by Messrs. Binny and Co.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : What about *khadar*?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : As regards *khadar*, I know nothing about the economics of *khadar* and it does not concern me very much. As far as I am able to gather, I understand that there are 5 yards of khaki *khadar* available in the bazaar. As regards *khadar* I can say that I am neither for nor against it. I am simply giving the facts. I have not thought about the economics of *khadar*. It is 11 3/4 annas to 14 annas a yard. Khaki drill is available at 6 annas 10 pies a yard.

MR. RAMAVARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*) : Has the Police Commissioner consulted the Textile Expert as to whether he can produce better quality of cloth at a cheaper cost?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I have not consulted him, I have not thought of it. I will consult him if and when necessary.

The quantity required is very large and it is a question of expense. *Khadar* is more expensive as regards stiching. So I must ask the member, that in view of the fact that everybody in the Police Department does wear Indian mill made cloth, to withdraw his motion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I ask the Police Commissioner whether if *khadar* is available in sufficient quantity he would prefer that?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I have no opinion about it. No tender has been put forward by any firm of *khadar* makers.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Will the member put himself in correspondence with the All-India Spinners' Association?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : It is for the firm to correspond with me if they want to supply.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is the Police Department prepared to purchase *khadar* for uniforms?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : The Police Department is prepared to consider any tender.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*) : Has the Police Commissioner asked the Textile Expert here whether he can supply *khadar*?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : We consult the Textile Expert only when there is ignorance about the values of different clothes.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What I want to know is if sufficient *khadar* is available for the unifrom of the Police Department the department will purchase *khadar* ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : It is a question of expert opinion, whether *khadar* is of equal quality to mill made cloth.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I wish to get a doubt cleared. He said that if any firm wanted to sell *khadar* to him they should correspond with him. Was it his experience that-I may even refer him to his student days—was he ordering for articles from firms or did they give their tender to him ?

PRESIDENT : It is a question of Government getting their supply by tenders. A tender notification is published and people who want to sell make their tenders to the department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : If the memebr is assured that khadar is as durable as Indian mill made cloth and also if there is sufficient supply, will the department purchase that ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : The price also should be the same.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Suppose there is only a slight increase in the price of *khadar* ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : We will have to compare the lasting power of the dye, the texture and the stitching charges.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN ((*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will he purchase that if it is of that quality ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : It is purely a hypothetical question. I shall have to get the opinion of the expert.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : For what purpose ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : On the question of cost of stitching charges, texture, strength, etc.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : My question is if the texture is of a higher quality whether the department will be prepared to purchase it ?

PRESIDENT : Mr. Damodaran Asan, your question I take it, is whether all other things being equal and the cost alone being higher, *khadar* will be purchased.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I shall purchase mill made cloth which is cheaper.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : So it depends upon price ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : All other things being equal.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : The whole money is distributed among the poor classes of the country. Does the member know that ?

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MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): As a buying agent I have not been concerned with that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Can he not visualise that eventuality?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I will have to close my eyes to that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, if mill made cloth and *khadar* are of equal quality, I asked the Police Commissioner whether he would prefer *khadar* even if the cost was a little higher. He is only for a little saving. He will purchase only mill made cloth if it is cheaper. Even in my speech at the opening I said that since it gives employment to people, since it is the duty of the Government to try to reduce the unemployment in the country, they should prefer *khadar*. It is not a question of poor men going and bargaining with another and trying to get the cheapest article from the market. This is a case where Government makes large purchases for uniforms and where the Government could in the interests of the country afford to pay higher prices.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Is not labour employed in the mills?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The mills do not provide employment for as many poor men as *khadar*. Mills may benefit capitalists. I introduced this mill made cloth also here just to show that I should not put the Government into a difficult position by saying that they should purchase *khadar* even though *khadar* is not available in sufficient quantity.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): What percentage of difference in price will the member overlook?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Here what the member was saying was that he will look into the quality and price. I say that even if *khadar* is little costlier it will be more durable. My preparedness to pay higher price depends upon durability.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): What perecentage of extra cost would he pay?

PRESIDENT: The point is whether at present even according to yourself it is not a purely hypothetical matter. You ask whether the department is prepared to purchase *khadar* all other things being equal, that is to say, quality, texture, dye everything being equal—and in case *khadar* is a little more costly than mill made cloth. When all other things are equal, it will be for the Government to see whether the difference in price is such as may be overlooked in favour of *khadar*. It is a matter in which the Commissioner himself cannot say anything just now. It will depend upon the actual circumstances at the time. So, that question is only in a hypothetical stage now. When all these circumstances combine and the department and the Government find that there is only a small difference in price, the Government will have to consider whether the difference is such as can be overlooked in favour of *khadar*.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): If it is a hypothetical question, I need not answer that.

PRESIDENT: You need not make a statement on a hypothetical question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I ask whether the member will insist upon the Police Department to purchase *Khadar* irrespective of the difference in price?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What I say is that in the case of *khadar* we should not go entirely by the price. When we find that the money spent upon it is not wasted we should go by *khadar*.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Which country is benefited by *khadar*—Travancore or British India?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Travancore as well as British India. We know how many *taklis* were in vogue here some time ago. But none of them are seen now. Why? because there is no demand for *khadar*. So, what I say is that without waiting for the price to go down we must purchase *khadar*.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, the matter finally boils down to this. If on the question of quality, strength of dye and texture, about which he has not put forward any idea, there is equality between the two, and if there is a little difference between the price of the two, will you accept *khadar* or will you accept Indian mill made cloth? When I deal with a matter like that, I cannot give my sympathy to any side. I have only to serve the people and Government and I have to take the cheaper price. The member's motion is that *khadar* or Indian mill made cloth should be worn by the Police. My point is, that we all do wear Indian mill made cloth. So I request the member to withdraw his motion.

PRESIDENT: Do you press your motion?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I press it.

PRESIDENT: What is it that you are pressing?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): *Khadar* if available in sufficient quantity should be purchased.

PRESIDENT: At whatever price?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Yes.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): Sir, that is a question that has not been discussed.

PRESIDENT: In that case, as I told you before, it is not a matter for the head of the department to decide, but for the Government. As I told you, when all these circumstances combine, it will be for the Government to decide what difference in price may be ignored in favour of *khadar*. More than that nobody can say now.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will we get an assurance that Government will ask for tenders for the supply of *khadar*?

PRESIDENT: I do not think it is possible. If a *khadar* producing company makes a tender, that will be considered. There is no reason for anybody to say that it will not be considered.

What do you say, Mr. Asan?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Marelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I press the motion.

PRESIDENT: Your motion is that *khadar* or Indian mill made cloth should be purchased. Indian mill made cloth is being purchased now. So, what is it that you press now?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): My point is that if *khadar* is not available, Indian mill made cloth may be purchased.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I request the member to withdraw the motion in view of the assurance from the Chair?

PRESIDENT: I too thought that the member would withdraw his motion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion 142.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I beg to move the following motion:—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,500 for office expenses and miscellaneous by Rs. 3,000.

Sir, there is an additional item in this years' Budget of Rs. 3,000 for Police Gazette. I have not clearly understood the necessity for this Police Gazette. For the Police Department there is a space allotted in the Gazette and they could publish all that is necessary under that head. If there is anything confidential they could have them by circulars. I think they have been resorting to that course till now. I have been going through the reports of the Police Department and I do not find any suggestions from the Police Commissioner that for want of a Police Gazette the department has not been working satisfactorily. So I suggest that Rs. 3,000 may be reduced from that.

PRESIDENT: I believe there are two or three other motions wherein the members desire to press the same point. They may speak now.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I support Mr. Damodaran Asan's motion. From what I have been able to understand, I believe this Police Gazette is one which is sought to be introduced into the department for the first time in Travancore by the Commissioner of Police for the general edification or convenience of Police officers. In the Travancore Government Gazette there is a particular chapter devoted to the Police Department, as there are separate chapters for every department in Travancore. I understand on enquiry that this

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Police Gazette contemplated by the Commissioner of Police is not intended for public benefit or public use. On the other hand from what he has stated in pages 4, 9, and 11 of his Administration Report I am led to infer that this is intended as a matter of useful diversion to Police officers. Page 4 of his report says :—

"I trust that my proposal in general including a greater increase in pay and strength, will be shortly sanctioned. The public deserves a good Police Force and for the Force to be good and efficient it must be strong enough to perform its duties, which must be properly allocated ; the men must be contended with good clothing, pay and prospects and promotion, they must be properly housed."

That is the first thing that he has provided for. The second is at page 9 where he encourages the public to give presents to Police officers and help them to have people get convicted.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : Not to give presents. It will amount to bribery.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagappalli*) : Which if accepted would encourage bribery. The Commissioner says that a silver rose-water sprinkler was given to one Police Inspector and the Police Commissioner applauds it. He next says that some sort of presents may be given to the Police officers who deal with the complainants for the help rendered by them. It is not enough if they are told that it is their pious duty to properly investigate cases. That is what he says :—

"A silver rose-water sprinkler was given to an Inspector of Police.....

"Recognition by the public, complainants, and other departments is a strong incentive to good work.

"I do not think that complainants in cases investigated by the Police always realise what care and attention has been devoted to the detection. Most of the powers possessed by police officers are those possessed by the public which often content to criticise suspected failures or omissions and disregard successes which are passed off with the phrase 'after all it is what they are paid and trained to do.' Even letters of thanks for good work are rare."

If anything tangible is to come, at least something in the shape of thanks must be given. Hereafter silver rose-water sprinklers may take the shape of gold rose water sprinklers and the Police Inspectors might hereafter expect a reward even to charge-sheet cases. At page 11, the Police Commissioner says :—

"In several directions efforts have been made to make the life of the Police man in every way pleasanter and better. A Police Club based on purely voluntary effort, and open to all Gazetted officers and clerks of the department was opened with my approval on 1-1-1105 and has been much appreciated by the officers. Books of general and Police interest, notable trials, the Police Systems and Organisation in the different Provinces of British India and the Empire are made available and members take a keen interest in thus adding to their store of knowledge. Facilities for recreation are also provided. I look to the Police Club becoming in fullness of time, a support and help to the Force in all ways."

Sir, after providing for all these comforts it is but reasonable to suppose that the Commissioner should introduce a Police Gazette for these officers. The policeman must have something literary to read. They must have some amusements. A Chari-Vara or frivolity column

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might be there to be read either at home or at the Police club. With all these encouragements I am unable to understand any particular reason why Rs. 3,000 of Government money should be spent on Police Gazette which is intended to be circulated privately among the Police officers. Till this time, we have been transacting this business. There are several typists in the Commissioner's Office and in the District Superintendents' Offices and in the Police Station Houses. All these are carrying on private communications between themselves and the head of the department. No necessity has hitherto been found for such a Gazette. My submission is that it ought to be a private document and it ought not to be printed in the Government Press where it is read through by the compositors and printers and probably looked through by the person who handled it. If it is to be a private document, which goes into the hands of the smaliest number of persons, it must be done by circulars. That is what has been going on. My own impression is that this is only a necessary adjunct to the three facilities provided in the Administration Report for the encouragement and preservation of life and the pleasures of the Police officers. Why publish a gazette ? The police can still go on and as flourishingly as they have been hereto doing. The report shows that even without the Police Gazette crime has been on the decrease and the percentage of conviction has been on the increase. The Police Commissioner himself thinks that this state of affairs is to continue for the betterment of the country. I would also bring another point to the notice of this House, and that is, if there is to be a Police Gazette, I can not understand why there should not be an Excise Gazette, why there should not be a Forest Gazette because all these people are dealing with some sort of offences under the Regulations. The Chief Engineer will ask for a D. P. W. Gazette so that he may issue private instructions to the Executive Engineers, say that a particular matter may be done away with in a particular method. My submission is that this is an unnecessary embellishment to an already over-taxing department. And this House, I am sure, will not permit this contagion to spread to other departments by allowing this item. I strongly support this motion of Mr. Damodaran Asan.

MR L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, Mr. Krishna Pillai does not want this contagion to spread to other departments. I am afraid he does not know what the contagion is. The contagion is a means to do work. I do not think that he does not want that to spread to other departments.

In England there is a Gazette called the Police Gazette. On the front page is a picture of some wretched individual hanging and inside are given details about the case. Mr. Krishna Pillai said that we are going to have a column for frivolities. The Police have to obtain information and disseminate it. As a said in this Administration Report, it is not for the Station House officer to think that his own area is unvisited by any outside criminal and that it is untouchable and unapproachable. That was the idea years ago. If a corpse was found in a certain Inspector's area he threw it into another who threw it in his turn

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into another area. Modern methods of criminal work insist upon dissemination of information. In Great Britain, in America and in Germany the modern system of dissemination of information is by the assistance of typewriters or interconnected telegraphy. You have a central bureau of information. From that central bureau information is disseminated by telegraphic means to innumerable stations and sub-stations. In a central bureau a man sits down on a typewriter and types information. He immediately communicates with the next station and simultaneously with every other sub-station. The typewriter in which he types automatically types down the information in other stations. We have not got that yet in British India or in Travancore. We are behind the times. The means of disseminating information has to be either orally or in writing. Orally is almost impossible. If you are going to do it on a cyclostyle, it will cost a great deal.

They have a Police Gazette in Ceylon and Cochin and in British Indian Districts and there is also the Madras City Police Gazette. All these keep us informed of what takes place there and we must in our turn keep them informed, if crime has to be kept down and if criminals are to be checked from their course.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know from the Commissioner how many copies of this Gazette will be required?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Roughly one hundred a week.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Would not the present Police sheet in the Government Gazette be sufficient for the purpose?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): It will still require printing and good paper.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Does the member mean to suggest that the cost of printing the Police Gazette will be higher because it will be printed in costly paper?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): The Police Gazette will not be printed on this paper in future. It is now being printed at a cheaper rate.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): If for the most part the Police Gazette is a reproduction of what is contained in the Travancore Government Gazette, what is the necessity for having a separate Police Gazette?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I will explain, Sir, with your permission, what the Travancore Police Gazette is. I stated as regards disseminating information, that it must be done and that it must be done in the cheapest way. If it is to be done by means of a typewriter or by cyclostyle as you would have to do otherwise, an

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enormous amount of cyclostyle paper will have to be used and if you are going to type it, you will have to buy a large number of typewriters and papers. By printing a separate Gazette we can disseminate information to the neighbouring districts and to our Police officers here. This is the cheapest way of disseminating information. As I told you before we are behind the times here. It is being done in other parts.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know from the member whether he receives such papers from Mysore, Cochin, Madras and other parts of India?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes. Sir, the Madras City Police send me a daily printed report. They send me a fortnightly crime summary. I also get a weekly report.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): But are they printed?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes. The Mysore Police has a much larger Gazette which they send me every week. Ceylon sends me a weekly Gazette. Ramnad, Madura, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Calicut, all these districts send me Gazettes. I get gazettes from all these places and from the neighbouring State of Cochin too.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have they a departmental sheet in their Gazette?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes, they have a sheet in the Gazette

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member whether it is confidential matter that is printed in the Gazette or matter which the public can have access to?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): It includes various circulars which may be confidential and they are sent to the different stations.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the average number of pages in one Gazette?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say definitely what the average number of pages will be. This particular Gazette in my hands contains 54 pages; sometimes it may have only 8 pages. It all depends on what information there is to disseminate.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are copies of the Government Gazette supplied to the Police stations?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): Police stations used to get Government Gazettes. They are not getting them now so far as I know.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether there will be any duplication?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): No, because there will be confidential and departmental matters which will be printed in the Police Gazette and not in the Government Gazette.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member how many pages on an average out of 10 pages would consist of confidential matter which could be disclosed to the officers of the Police Department only?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I could not say.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Suppose all this matter is printed in the Government Gazette and copies are directed to be supplied to all Police officers, what will be the cost compared with the cost that is now sought to be incurred?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I should not imagine the cost would be equal.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Government Gazette costs only Rs. 6 a year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it suggested that for printing 100 copies the cost would be Rs. 3,000? And what would be the cost of printing 100 police sheets with all this information?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I think it would not be anywhere near Rs. 6, per copy. We have got up to 20 numbers and I have only calculated the approximate expenditure that would be necessary. It may or it may not come to Rs. 3,000.

PRESIDENT: If you have to print all these in the Government Gazette it would not merely be a hundred copies that will be printed but as many copies as are now printed of the *Government Gazette*.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Still the cost would not be so much.

PRESIDENT: It would be more. If all these ten or fifteen pages are printed in the Press with the Gazette, more copies will have to be printed than the hundred which Mr. Bishop says he wants, and the cost would be very much higher, I think.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): It is difficult to see how the cost could mount up to such a huge figure as Rs. 3,000. The subscription for a copy of the Government Gazette per annum is only Rs. 6.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I shall enlighten the member on that point. In the first place, the Government Gazette is not self-supporting and the subscription has nothing to do with the exact cost of production. In the second place, I must confess that this amount of Rs. 3,000 is a little excessive. We have put it only as an outside estimate. I have just ascertained from the Superintendent, Government Press, that one issue will cost Rs. 35 or so, so that 52 issues will cost Rs. 1,820. Thus the allotment is a little excessive. The cost will however be paid by the Police Department to the Press and the Stationery so that it will be only a book adjustment.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): We have not seen a copy of this Gazette and we do not know what it contains. We should like to have an idea of its contents before we can decide as to the necessity or otherwise for the publication of this Gazette. The Commissioner says that it might cover 8 pages or it might cover 50 pages.

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What is the kind of matter with which all these pages are filled. Is it after all useful matter that the public also would be interested in knowing or is it something like the information that he once gave us in this House of a clique of people who are snatching at power. I want to know all this. We have absolutely no idea and we are in the darkas to it. For my part, it is difficult to see what kind of information will be disseminated through the Gazette. Unless we are satisfied on t ese points we are not in a position to say whether this can be approved by this House or not.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): But, Sir, this is all interruption in the middle of my speech. I was on my feet speaking, when Mr. Thanu Pillai rose up.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I beg to be excused, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I thought that you started with a question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Of course it was the question that I wanted to ask the Commissioner of Police. But I was led on to make these observations with reference to that question. I should like to get some information on the point that I mentioned.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I shall be very happy to say what this Gazette contains. I have explained that information regarding crimes and criminals must be disseminated amongst our own police and foreign police. The station officers do not get any Government Gazette at all now and the first part of the Police Gazette contains extracts from the Government Gazette for the information of the officers of the Police Department. The next part contains deparmental promotions, leave, awards and orders—in short it contains information for dissemination of orders. Part III contains all departmental circulars and instructions. Part IV contains notifications and orders under the Motor Vehicles Rugulation and Rules. It also contains timing sheets given to different companies and buses which is essential to all Police stations. Part V is a law appendix containing interesting judgments, rulings and findings and also interesting extracts from works connected with police work which will be usefully disseminated among our officers. Part VI contains intelligence and a crime summary. It contains details of recent cases coming under the cognizance of different stations and their *modus operandi*. For instance, burglary may have been committed by entrance through the eaves or by making a hole near the door. All these facts are essential for the investigation and detection of cases. Then, Part VI contains also details of cases that have occurred so that other station officers can be on the outlook for similar cases occurring near their Station Houses. And then they can say "so and so K. D. is out of view. He is a man who always makes a hole near the door and enters". They can probably get into touch with other Station House officers and between them they can detect cases and book the criminals. Part VI also contains a list of O. V. K. Ds. (out of view known Depredators) which, gentlemen have seen in the old Government Gazette but which does not interest the public at all. But it interests us. We keep such lists in each Police station and

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[Mr. L. A. Bishop.]

neighbouring police organisations also keep a list of O. V. K. Ds that are likely to go to their areas. In this Police Gazette we also publish a list of properties which are stolen in cases so that when other station officers go to pawn-brokers or search houses, they may find out stolen properties if they come across them.

MR. A S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member whether the publication of this Gazette has been begun?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): It has already been begun.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): And is there any provision in the Budget for 1106 for the publication of this Gazette? I do not know from which funds this Gazette is now published.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I have been for some time representing to the Government the urgency and the necessity for the publication of this Gazette and I had funds by diversion from other heads after getting the sanction of Government for its publication since it was an urgent measure.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Would the Commissioner give us the assurance that in regard to the reports and remarks submitted by the subordinates of the Commissioner against respectable people and against institutions, they would undergo a revision at the hands of the Commissioner, in view of our experience that such is not the case in regard to reports and remarks submitted by the subordinates of the Police Department?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Had the member any experience of that kind?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I have and I can even bring to the notice of the Commissioner records to that affect

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I do not remember to have seen the name of Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai in the Gazette.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I would then consider it only as an honour done to me.

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): I assure the member that I am the editor and author of this publication and I will be responsible for including any news which appears in the Gazette. It is purely a departmenal Gazette which is intended to disseminate information which will be of use to the police and which I hope will improve their work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is not the major portion of the information such as should appear in the Government Gazette?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*): No, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): At least in regard to the rules, notifications, etc.?

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MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : If there is duplication of information there would be a considerable expenditure at the cost of the country.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : And are we going to be deprived of that part of the Government Gazette which is known as the Police sheet ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I do not know. It will depend upon the utility of that sheet. The Police Department will hereafter not find any use for that sheet nor do I think that the public at large ever read that sheet with interest.

MR. S KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Shall we have a copy of the rules and notifications published in the Gazette. For instance, the Road Rules that were recently published?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I think it was published in the Government Gazette but not in the police sheet.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are we going to be benefited by similar publications ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : I believe that was published according to law.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Shall we have it hereafter ?

MR. L. A. BISHOP (*Commissioner of Police*) : It must be so by law.

PRESIDENT : The time allotted for this demand has now expired and all the remaining motions lapse.

The above and the following motions lapsed.

Motions 143 to 191.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI :

143. To reduce the allotment of Rs 4,500 for office expenses and miscellaneous by Rs 3,000.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI :

144. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,500 for office expenses and miscellaneous by Rs. 3,000.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

145. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,500 for office expenses and miscellaneous by Rs 3,000

Motions for reduction of total grant.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR :

146. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,796 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

147. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,796 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI :

148. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,796 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

149. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,796 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. O. M. THOMAS :

150. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,796 for Commissioner by Re. 1.

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MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI :
151. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,796 for Commissioner by Rs. 10.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :
152. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,796 for Commissioner by Rs. 10.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI :
153. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,796 for Commissioner by Rs. 10.

MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLA ;
154. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,796 for Commissioner by Rs. 10.

18 B. POLICE-DISTRICT POLICE-*Salaries.*

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU :
155 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 52,942 for Third Grade Inspectors by Rs. 2,160.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN :
156. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 52,942 for Third Grade Inspectors by Rs. 5.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU :
157. To omit the allotment of Rs. 4,050 for duty allowances to the Traffic Inspectors.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :
158. To omit the allotment of Rs. 4,050 for duty allowances to the Traffic Inspectors.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN :
159. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,050 for duty allowances to the Traffic Inspectors by Rs. 4.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM :
160. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,050 for duty allowances to the Traffic Inspectors by Rs. 5.

DISTRICT POLICE *Establishment.*

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
161. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 85,498 for Inspectors by Rs. 4,420.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*):
162. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 85,498 for Inspectors by Rs. 2,420 (Rs. 1,100 for a 2nd Grade Inspector, and Rs. 1,320 for two 3rd Grade Inspectors.)

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU :
163. To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,132 for establishment of the Assistant Superintendents' offices.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :
164. To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,132 for establishment of the Assistant Superintendents' offices.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI ;
165. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,132 for establishment of the Assistant Superintendents' offices by Rs. 100

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :
166. To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,020 for temporary establishment of the Inspectors' offices.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :
167. To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,020 for temporary establishment of the Inspectors' offices.

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MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI :

168. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,020 for temporary establishment of the Inspectors' offices by Rs 220.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI : (*Chirayinkil*)

169. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 43,158 for Head Constables by Rs. 3,024.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

170. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 43,158 for Head Constables by Rs. 432.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

171. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,92,867 for Constables by Rs. 12,100.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

172. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,92,867 for Constables by Rs. 8,644.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI :

173. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,92,867 for Constables by Rs. 8,644.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

174. To reduce the allotment of Rs 2,92,867 for Constables by Rs. 5,640.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) :

175. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,92,867 for Constables by Rs. 924.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN :

176. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,92,867 for Constables by Rs. 5.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

177. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,76,820 for establishment by Rs. 6,347.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI :

178. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,76,820 for establishment by Rs. 6,072.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :

179. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,76,820 for establishment by Rs. 10.

DISTRICT POLICE—*Allowances.*

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

180. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 71,575 for travelling allowance by Rs. 100

DISTRICT POLICE—*Supplies and Services and Contingencies.*

MR K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI :

181. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for secret service by Rs. 200.

Motions for reduction of total grant.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) :

182. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,67,301 for District Police by Rs. 3,600.

MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI :

183. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,67,301 for District Police by Rs. 10.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED :

184. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,67,301 for District Police by Rs. 10.

MR. O. M. THOMAS:

185. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,67,301 for District Police by Rs. 10.

MR. O. M. THOMAS :

186. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,67,301 for District Police by Rs. 10

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MR. K. I. KOCHEEPPAN MAPPILLA :

187. To reduce the allotment of Rs 5,67,301 for District Police by Rs. 100.

Motions for reduction of total grant under Demand III.

MR. A. THANU PILLI :

188. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,28,097 under Demand III by Re. 1.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED .

189. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,28,097 under Demand III by Rs. 10.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

190. To reduce the total allotment of Rs 6,28,097 under Demand III by Rs. 100.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR :

191. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 6,28,097 under Demand III by Rs. 100.

PRESIDENT: I put before the House Demand III—Police for Rs. 6,28,097.

I take it that the House passes the demand.

The grant was made.

PRESIDENT: The House will adjourn now and meet at 3 P. M.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 2-15 and reassembled at 3 P. M.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, before we proceed to formal business, I beg permission to make a statement with reference to the way in which visitors to this House are being treated. Sir, tickets of admission were issued to intending visitors and they used to come here and attend the proceedings till yesterday. As usual in the hope that they would get admission, this morning as well they came to the gate—I refer to gentlemen with proper tickets issued properly by competent authorities—and all on a sudden they were told that they would not be admitted. Sir, I know it may be urged that there is not sufficient accommodation in this Hall to admit all the visitors and the power of making suitable arrangements in respect of admitting visitors rests with the President. I appreciate that point; but my contention is this. In the first place, as many visitors as possible ought to be admitted, generally. Apart from that, I have one point particularly to emphasise. Tickets were issued to many for the whole session and when they come at 11-30 of the clock or a few minutes before the time for the meeting, they are told that they will not get admission. That is a thing that no reasonable man, no self-respecting man can view with equanimity. Of course, whoever is responsible for that is under an obligation to offer sufficient explanation for this kind of conduct. As a member of this House I too, have got, under the rule or convention or practice, obtaining some tickets of admission and I have given those tickets to some of my friends who I know are men who ought to be allowed admission to this House. Now, Sir, they came here this morning on the strength of the tickets and they were told all on a sudden that they would not be admitted. With all reasonableness, I say, that it is an insult offered to those gentlemen, to me as a member of this House and to the other members of this House who have got tickets like that and passed them on to, their friends. I really fail to see what explanation, whoever is responsible for it, has to give.

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If it was due to insufficient accommodation, there was ample time for them to inform us of the fact. They ought to have told us at least yesterday that the tickets that they had issued were cancelled and that the possessors of those tickets could not claim admission on the strength of those tickets. What sort of conduct this is and how it is to be reconciled with reason, I fail to see. I also can assure you that there is a good deal of resentment created in the minds of the public here on account of this.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Does the member know that the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police and a lot of Police Inspectors were surrounding this Hall when the Police Demand was being discussed?

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I know.

PRESIDENT: That has nothing to do with the question of admission.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): They were occupying seats here. If they could be allowed admission why not the members of the public?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Their presence would have been discountenanced as those of strangers who have unduly influenced the vote of the House one way or the other if it were in the British Parliament.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: (*Trivandrum*): It is to some extent true. There is the fact that the Police budget was being discussed, the working of the Police Department was being criticised and the Policemen have to admit the people at the gate. I do not know whether there is any connection between the discussion of the Police budget and the admission of visitors at the gate by policemen.

Whatever that be, Sir, it is a matter which calls for scrutiny, and explanation. It is a grave matter in which we, the members of this House, and the public at large, and especially we, the members who have been responsible for bringing in friends here, who would otherwise spend their hours comfortably in their homes in this hot season, are entitled to have an explanation. I bring this matter to you for examination; and I hope that this will not be repeated in future.

PRESIDENT: I am sorry to hear your statement, Mr. Thanu Pillai that people who were given tickets were not admitted. I shall enquire into the matter that you have mentioned and shall make a statement in reply to that tomorrow.

DEMAND IV—LAND REVENUE.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 8,71,987 under Demand IV—Land Revenue.

Motions 192 and 193.

The following motions were not moved.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM:

192. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,604 for establishment by Rs. 6.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN:

193. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,604 for establishment by Rs. 15.

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